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With special thanks to the Greater Wichita Visitors and Conventions Bureau, the cover was designed by City employees Ashley Jones and Jessica Johnson, featuring Ric Wolford's sunrise photo of the Keeper of the Plains gracing the Arkansas River in the heart of the City.



Our Mission

The City of Wichita is the largest municipal organization in Kansas, distinguished by a long tradition of professional government and committed to providing efficient, high quality services to its citizens.

The fundamental mission of the City is to provide an environment to protect the health, safety and well being of all who live and work in the community. In directing policies and programs toward that end, the City assumes a stewardship role to preserve the assets and natural resources entrusted to its growth, to assure equality of opportunity and to contribute to the quality of life for all citizens.

City government strives to give citizens the highest consideration and insists they receive equal access and a timely response. Concerns of residents, businesses and the disadvantaged are equally deserving of the City's attention. To elicit involvement in decision-making, the City emphasizes open government and provides mechanisms for meaningful communication with citizens.

City government pledges to provide leadership to anticipate and creatively respond to changing community needs and to work cooperatively with other government agencies in addressing those needs. To assure responsive government, the City is committed to the highest standards of employee development. The City's staff is dedicated to ethical and professional conduct in carrying out programs that serve the interests of all in the community.

City Council

Bob Knight, Mayor

Joe Pisciotte, Vice Mayor (II)

Carl Brewer, Council Member (I)

Phil Lambke, Council Member (III)

Bill Gale, Council Member (IV)

Bob Martz, Council Member (V)

Sharon Fearey, Council Member (VI)



2002-2003 BUDGET AT A GLANCE ...

- The 2002 Adopted Budget does not require a mill levy increase.
- The total 2002 Adopted Budget (all funds) is \$363,420,060, a 1.5% increase from the 2001 Revised Budget of \$357,935,540 as restated for GASB 34. The 2003 Projected Budget totals \$358,460,860, a decrease from the 2002 Adopted of 1.3%.
- General Fund expenditures of \$156,468,140 are planned for 2002, a 2.7% increase over the 2001 Revised Budget.
- Two additional Police beats will be added in 2002, provided through a combination of reorganization and budget increases.
- Anticipating the opening of a new fire station in mid-2003, the 2003 Budget includes funding to finance a half-year of additional staffing and operations.
- The \$1.2 million enhanced street maintenance effort is renewed in 2002 and 2003, in addition to a \$1.2 million supplemental provision for enhanced public building maintenance in 2002.
- A supplemental \$200,000 annually is dedicated to street maintenance in newly annexed areas.
- Two additional park maintenance crews are included in 2002 for more frequent and improved landscape maintenance of right of ways and public green spaces.
- Operating funds are included for two regional libraries. The new libraries will replace smaller neighborhood libraries and will extend library service hours and programs.
- Two custodians are added in the 2001 Revised Budget and two building maintenance mechanics are added in 2002. The additional staff will address the increased needs in mini-city halls and other public buildings.
- A water rate increase of 5% and sewer rate increase of 8% are tentatively projected beginning in 2002, driven primarily by capital needs for water supply and sewage treatment improvements. A review of strategies is underway to identify rate mitigation alternatives for Council consideration.
- An increase of 3¢ per ERU is included, expanding funding of storm water “hot spot projects” an additional \$120,000 to a total \$725,000 annually.



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January 1, 2001**

Anne Spray Kinney *Jeffrey L. Esser*
President Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to the City of Wichita, Kansas for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2000.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan and as a communication device.

The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

**THE CITY OF WICHITA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE HAS EARNED THE
DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD CONSISTENTLY FOR THE LAST
THIRTEEN YEARS.**